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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this Paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 13 of this Paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this Paper and include replacement sheets wherein Formal Drawings are being provided. No modifications have been made to the original drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this Paper.

An Appendix including Formal Drawings is attached following page 16 of this Paper.

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that the sloped forward entryway has a forward projecting edge in a front wall thereof. The claim now further recites that there is a coupling cavity in a lower section of a rear wall thereof. None of the references cited by the Examiner show cavities in opposed walls thereof whereby two support platforms can be nested together end-to-end. First, it is pointed out that the support structure of Rueckert is a rigid structure which would sink under the waterline when a small watercraft is projected thereon. Also, the sloped forward entryway does not project in the front wall thereof. Still further, there is no coupling cavity in a lower section of a rear wall thereof to receive the lower forward projecting edge therein. This structure is clearly not disclosed in either of the two references cited by the Examiner nor would it be obvious to modify the Rueckert platform to do this. In fact, the trough-like upper surface of the Rueckert platform does not extend across the top surface of the platform as now recited in claim 28. If these platforms were nested end-to-end there would be a cavity between the two trough-like upper surfaces because that surface that not extend across the top wall, as noted above.

In view of the above arguments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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By:

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